

1. The following is submitted for the RM-10781, RM-10782, RM-10783, RM 10784, RM-10785, RM-10787.
 - A. RM-10781: Phone privileges for Technician Class on 80,40, and 10 meters is unnecessary as it does nothing to train the individuals for a higher class license. I recommend Technician Plus have General Class Morse Code privileges on all HF Bands. This would give them excellent practice areas.
 - B. RM-10782: Element 1 should not be eliminated from the rules. Amateur Radio Operators should have a knowledge and understanding of all phases of the Radio Field. Morse Code has and will always be in integral part of Communications. HF privileges for Technician Class is unnecessary as it leaves no reasons for upgrading. I do agree on retaining CW only SubBands.
 - C. RM-10783: Mr. Holliday, WA6BJH Stated " the code requirement limits the ability of Handicapped Individuals to get ham tickets." I wish to bring out the fact that Handicapped Individuals have consistently upgraded to Extra Class even when the requirement was for 20 words per minute Morse Code. Granted there will always be a certain amount of individuals due to medical restrictions that will be unable to meet even the easiest requirements.
 - D. RM-10784: Upgrading to General Class with no Code Requirement would do nothing but grant HF privileges to a group of people who are unwilling to exert the necessary efforts to meet the requirement of 5 words per minute Morse. I see no advantage this can be to the overall licensing structure.
 - E. RM-10785: Mr Ward does not specify how or why " it is in the public interest" to remove Morse Code requirements. Quite a few of Amateur Radio Operators use Morse Code in their Daily Operation. Removing Morse Code has nothing to do with the Public Interest other than making it easier to obtain an Amateur Radio license with a minimum of study.
 - F. RM-10787: I can see no reason why the Amateur Community would suffer the loss to its ranks of a large number of Potentially Excellent operators since evidently these individuals are not willing to exert the extra effort to comply with the present regulation of 5 words per minute morse code.

2. Comments:

I have read all the aforementioned RM's and have not found any reasoning for eliminating the Morse Code requirements from the present operating structure. Eliminating the Code Requirements would be another " Dumbing Down" of the overall requirements for obtaining RF Privileges. Amateur Radio is the Backup Pool of qualified Radio Operators who will be called upon in the event of an emergency. We should be able to perform in all aspects of Amateur Radio including Morse Code need it be necessary. When people are willing to exert the effort to learn Morse Code we can safely assume that these people are willing to exert the extra effort to accomplish the mission if called upon. The United States always has been a World Leader. There is no reason why we should lower our standards just because other countries of the

world choose to do so. I recommend maintaining the present Morse Code Requirements in our present license structure.

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